from India during 1987-88 have asked the MMTC to terminate the contract; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Constitution of a Handloom Corporation

2092. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the constitution of a Handloom Corporation with a capital of Rs. 100 crores, with equal contribution from the State and Union Governments to ensure immediate payment of wages, supply of yarn, colours and chemicals at subsidised rates as well as to introduce group insurance and pension schemes for the benefit of the handloom workers; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Temporary Licences to Cinema Halls in Delhi

2093. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether matters relating to issue of temporary licences to Cinema Halls in Delhi fall within the Administrative Jurisdiction of the Home Ministry;

(b) if so, what is Government's policy with regard to the issuance of licences to the cinema halls;

(c) whether it is a fact that the permission and consent of the owner of the land is a must for conversion of temporary licence into a permanent one; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against the cinema halls which have violated the established policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The powers in this regard are exercised by the Delhi Police which is under the Administrative jurisdiction of this Ministry.

(b) The procedure is contained in the Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 1981.

(c) There is no provisions to convert a temporary Cinematograph licence into a permanent one. There are different sets of requirements for the grant of temporary/permanent licence, includig furnishing particulars about the ownership of the premises.

(d) As and when any violation of the provisions of the Act/Rules comes to notice, appropriate legal action is taken.

Destruction of Forest in Patkai Range in Margherita, Assam

2094 DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many acres of green forest in the Patkai range in Margherita, Assam has been destroyed by commissioning open cast projects by the authorities of North Eastern Coalfields;

(b) how many acres of cultivable land has been destroyed as a result thereof;

(c) what is the rate of fall of humidity and decrease in rainfall in this area during the last three years as a result thereof; and

(d) whether the Central Government would immediately direct the concerned authorities to stop causing further damage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (d) The details will be collected from the State Government and placed on the Table of the House.